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1. ALTHOUGH AWARE THAT AGENDA IS NOW FAIRLY FIRM, USEC
WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE BRIEF PRESENTATION BY MISSION CONFER-
ENCE PARTICIPANT PETER REAMS UNDER SEPTEMBER 30 AGENDA ITEM,
"ECONOMICS AND POLITICS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS-WESTERN
OBJECTIVES."

2. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS MADE STRONG MOVES
TO TAKE OVER FROM EC MEMBER STATES RESPONSIBILITY FOR EAST-
WEST TRADE, WE BELIEVE PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A
SHORT DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES. REAMS WOULD BE PREPARED TO
REVIEW DEVELOPING EC RELATIONS WITH CEMA AND STATE TRADING
COUNTRIES, TOUCHING SPECIFICALLY ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
(A) OBJECTIVES OF THE EC'S COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY, INCLUD-
ING CREDIT, TOWARD EASTERN EUROPE AND THE PRC.
(B) THE CURRENT STATE OF EC/CEMA RELATIONS, INCLUDING PRO-
GRESS ON THE EC RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT TRADE AGREEMENT PRO-
POSED BY CEMA IN FEBRUARY 1976.
(C) PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN EC RELATIONS WITH
CEMA AND WITH STATE TRADING COUNTRIES, HINTON UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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